REMEDIAL SITE ASSESSMENT DECISION - EPA REGION II

Site Name: SIGNO TRADING/COTY WAREHOUSE EPA ID#: NYD982181323 State ID#:

Alias Site Names:

City: RICHMOND TERRACE County or Parish: RICHMOND State: NY

Refer to Report Dated: 5/19/95 Report type: SI

Report developed by: PIRNIE

DECISION:

|X| 1. Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:

|X| 1a. Site does not qualify for further remedial site assessment under CERCLA action, but is deferred to:

(No Further Remedial Action Planned - NFRAP)

2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:

2a. Priority: | | Higher | | Lower

2b. Other: (recommended action)

DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

The Signo Trading/Coty Warehouse site is located in an industrial/residential portion of Staten Island, in the town of Richmond Terrace, Richmond County, New York. In 1983, the Coty Warehouse accepted a shipment of chemicals and pesticides from Signo Trading International, Ltd. for temporary storage until Signo Trading could identify an overseas purchaser. After shipping these materials to the Coty Warehouse, Signo Trading abandoned the shipment. Between April 1983 and December 1984, the New York City Fire Department responded several times to complaints received from local residents of odors emanating from the pesticide containers. A suit was filed against Signo Trading and Coty Warehouse to have the materials removed. Shortly thereafter, Coty Warehouse leased a trailer to store the chemicals. When both Signo Trading and Coty Warehouse failed to comply with repeated court orders to remove the materials, a removal action was initiated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1986. The materials stored at the site were profiled and disposed of accordingly. There are numerous groundwater wells existing on Staten Island; however, these wells were installed primarily to provide water for restricted uses such as lawn irrigation and car washing during periods of drought. All residents of Staten Island are supplied with public water drawn from surface water intakes outside of the site's influence. There are no surface water intakes located along the site's surface water drainage pathway. Fisheries exist downstream of the site in Raritan Bay, Kill Van Kull, and the Narrows. There are 10.2 miles of wetland frontage, habitat for one federally-listed endangered species, and an area designated for the maintenance and migration of fish and wildlife associated with the site's surface water pathway. There are several apartment buildings located within 200 feet of the site, and the site is currently active with 45 on-site workers. The apartment buildings are located upslope of the site. There are no schools, daycare centers, or terrestrial sensitive environments within 200 feet of the site. Approximately 360,000 people reside within four miles of the site. All contaminants have been removed from the site, and contamination of the surrounding environment is not suspected. A decision of No Further Remedial Action (NFRAP) is recommended for this site.

Site Decision

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